there are certain bilateral issues with Pakistan, which need to be discussed and resolved first.

(b) and (c) Pakistan is demanding transit fees for passage of natural gas through Pakistan territory. The issue is being discussed with Pakistan.

Enhancement of capital expenditure in KG Basin

1188. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Ltd. has submitted a proposal once again to enhance the capital expenditure (CAPEX) on the KG Basin D6 gas recovery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is consulting with other stake holders on the said proposal submitted by the Reliance Industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the latest position of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (e) No proposal to enhance the capital expenditure for the approved development plan for D1 and D3 discoveries involving estimated expenditure of US $8.83 billion has been received. However, on 18th August, 2007, the operator has sumbitted a fresh Development plan for MA oil and gas discovery in the same block.

Hike in petroleum prices

1189. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it a fact that the prices of petroleum products particularly petrol and diesel were hiked periodically;

(b) if so, the details of price hike on petrol/diesel during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of prices of petrol/diesel in South Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL: (a) and (b) The details of increase/decrease in the prices of Petrol and Diesel (at Delhi) during the last three years *w.e.f.* 01-04-05 are given below:

Date	Petrol Rs./Ltr.	Diesel Rs./Ltr.
01.04.05 (VAT implemented at Delhi)	37.99	28.22
04.05.05 (reduction of VAT rate on HSD)	—	26.45
21.06.05	40.49	28.45
07.09.05	43.49	30.45
06.06.06	47.51	32.47

Date	Petrol Rs./Ltr.	Diesel Rs../Ltr.
21.06.06 (reduction in VAT rate)	46.85	32.25
30.11.06	44.85	31.25
16.02.07	42.85	30.25
06.06.07 (tax rebate on VAT for Petrol and Diesel withdrawn)	43.52	30.48
08.02.08 (pollution cess in Delhi)	—	30.76
15.02.08	45.52	31.76

(c) The current prices of petrol and diesel in South Asian countries are given in the statement.

Statement

Details of Prices of Petrol and Diesel in South Asian countries

(Indian Rs/Ltr.)

Product	India Delhi	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Srilanka	Thailand (Bangkok)	Phillipines
Prices As on:	4-Mar-08	5-Feb-08	2-Feb-08	1-Feb-8	4-Mar-08	26-Feb-08
Petrol	45.52	33.81	37.39	46.55	40.89	43.15
Diesel	31.76	23.73	23.00	29.32	37.68	36.26

Source. Prices of Pakistan, Bangladesh & Srilanka as provided by IOC-IT.

Prices of Thailand from www.eppo.go.th. Petrol prices are for ULG 91R:UNL, Diesel prices are for H-Diesel (0.035%S).

Prices of Phillipines from www.doe.ph. Prices are average retail prices.

Exploration of coal bed methane in Gujarat

1190. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has not taken concentrated steps to start the drilling activity in Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block awarded to Gujarat in 2004;

(b) whther, the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to induct a third partner for exploration of CBM block in order to get the production started at the earliest;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?